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## PERTINENT TOPICS DISCUSSED BY H. C

Lloyds, willing to take a gamble on almost anything, refuse to quote on war risks. We make them this sporting proposition—a hundred to one that Hitler wins the elections.

During the Foreign Secretary's absence, Premier Baldwin came to his defence. The guardian of Eden.

Jews in Canada and the United States who staged demonstrations against Hitler's anti-Semitic crusade have an opportunity now to get even with him. France needs all the men and money she can get.

If Italy were to gain peace now on the basis of the status quo what good would it do her? If she owned all the Ethiopian territory now occupied by her armies, would that meet her requirements? Would the soldiers now there want to stay there? Would civilians want to settle there? The excess populations of Italy and Germany, the two countries that most loudly press their need for expansion would prefer to come to Canada or the United States rather than go to Ethiopia or what was German East Africa. To avenge Adowa and glorify Il Duce has more to do with his African adventure than the necessity for expansion.

In some places efforts to weed out the undeserving from relief roles and to scale down relief payments have met with concerted opposition from men who appear determined to exploit public charity for the rest of their lives. In one town they imprisoned the Mayor for seven hours. In another, the Mayor escaped from their hands by ringing the fire alarm. In some places men on relief are also on municipal councils and distributing relief to themselves and others. The situation is going to be aggravated by an increase in federal grants at a time when they might well be reduced.

A motor journal says drivers are more considerate than they used to be, and a pedestrian says: "That is true. One of them had a splendid chance to run over me today and he didn't do it."

To help get the German people on their feet, many of the most onerous restrictions of the Versailles treaty were removed and they no longer get on their feet than they start doing the goose-step."

They order things better in Britain. They don't mind having a Labor government to rule over them, but they won't allow labor unions to do it. That was demonstrated when the big strike took place. The three big unions joined in it but when the Englishman found it was going to interfere with his rights he signed up for the duration. He may have had a

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## HOSPITAL NOTES

Friends of Gordon McKay will be sorry to learn that he is again a patient in the Vulcan Municipal hospital.

Mr. A. T. Martin is a patient in the Vulcan hospital.

Friends of Mrs. Harris will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her illness and has been dismissed from the hospital.

Lowell Granlin is a patient in the hospital suffering from severe injuries to the hands as a result of an accident while making repairs to a well at the farm of Bert Tharle last Wednesday.

Mr. Booth has sufficiently recovered from his illness to enable him to return to his home in the Reid Hill district.

Mrs. Sytella and Mrs. Scotney are patients in the hospital.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, at the Vulcan Municipal hospital, on Monday March 23rd, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. (Bud) Flood, at the Vulcan Municipal hospital, on Monday, March 23rd, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McElroy, at the Vulcan Municipal hospital, on Sunday, March 22nd, a son.

## Joint Sponsorship Present Spring Fashions on Parade

Latest Spring Fashions Displayed by Mothers' Auxiliary and Osborne's Ladies' Shoppe; Spring Flowers Lend Pretty Setting for Tea Table Arrangement.

One of the most delightful events ever held in Vulcan was the parade of spring fashions staged in the assembly auditorium of the Canadian Legion Memorial hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 18th, under the joint sponsorship of the Mothers' Auxiliary to the Scouts and Cubs and Osborne's Ladies' Shoppe. Mrs. Osborne-Brown, assisted by ten lovely mannequins, presented a revue of all the newest and smartest of the season's styles in knitted suits, afternoon dresses, swagger suits and coats to one of the largest crowds assembled for a social function of this class locally.

The fashions were displayed in a pretty setting. The platform was banked with ferns and plants and the tea tables were bright with floral arrangements of spring blossoms.

The smart array of latest costumes were charmingly modeled by local women and girls, selected as mannequins by Mrs. Brown, who showed cultivated taste in the choice of gowns and models.

Little Miss Marlene Dobbs delighted the audience with her personality as she announced the various groups by the carrying of posters across the platform, that all might read, and then placing them on an easel. As the mannequins passed over the stage and down the isles, made by the tea tables, they displayed the afternoon dresses, swagger suits and coats in a manner that brought out every detail to advantage. Every costume was complete with matching accessories of hat, gloves, purse, etc.

The atmosphere of the setting of the event was enhanced by melody played by groups of Vulcan musicians. Assisting in the entertainment were Miss Beulah Walker, Mrs. (Dr.) Barker, Mrs. Stott, Dr. D. Nicol, Mr. R. E. Pedersen and Miss Edna McPherson. Entertainment was also provided by Mrs. G. Williams, Milo, who gave a reading, and Miss Rose Hartwig, who sang two vocal selections. All numbers received hearty applause.

During the afternoon tea was served by the members of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the Scouts and Cubs. The tea tables were convyed by Mrs. Jack Marshall and Mrs. L. H. Greene, assisted by Mesdames A. Clark, O. A. Craig, H. Woodward, A. J. Kennedy, E. Parsons, C. Kettleton, C. W. Thompson, P. Myers, R. Ferguson, A. Sales, A. Fisher, L. Middleton, D. Allred, R. W. McFarlane and Ross Walker.

Mesdames G. Williams, Thornton, of Milo, and Mesdames W. Campbell, Jas. Marshall and R. J. Buelher and Misses Ruth Peterson, Eileen Hill and Marjorie Hill acted as mannequins.

The door prize, a choice of any hat from the Osborne's Ladies' Shoppe, was won by Mrs. F. B. Clark. The prize was donated by Mrs. Osborne-Brown.

The event was not only a pleasing and colorful one, but a great success financially for the Mothers' Auxiliary. Members of the group wish to extend their grateful thanks to Mrs. Brown and her assistants, Misses Mabel McPherson and Joyce Clark, also to the mannequins and the musicians and artists who entertained, and to the Canadian Legion for the use of the auditorium. In expression of appreciation for the patronage of people from Vulcan and vicinity the ladies say, "Thanks a million to you all."

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Church of Christ held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Walker on Thursday, March 19th. Mrs. Spaeth, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Boose, president. Plans were made for the selling of a quilt piece by Mrs. Boose, the proceeds to be placed in the funds of the Circle. Plans were also made for each member to bring an article for a travelling basket at the next meeting. The meeting was followed by a lunch served by the hostess.

## WEDDING BELLS

Thomas—Flood

Two popular Vulcan young people were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at a marriage ceremony that was solemnized very quietly on Thursday, March 19th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when Marian Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Flood of Vulcan, became the bride of Mr. Norman Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas of Brant and Rimbey, Alta. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flood in the presence of immediate relatives. Rev. P. G. McPherson officiated. Mr. A. B. (Bud) Flood and Miss Winnifred Flood were attendants.

Following the ceremony, a delightful wedding dinner was served, after which the happy couple entrained for Calgary for a brief honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make their place of residence in the Rimbey district.

The bride is a native daughter of Vulcan and is known by a wide circle of former school chums and friends. Norman Thomas, or "Spider," as he was known to all, was a popular member of the Elks' hockey team during the past three seasons. Both have the well-wishes of all in the territory. Their popularity was noted by the large number wishing them good luck as they entrained for Calgary.

### Shower for the Bride

Before the marriage ceremony, Miss Marian Flood, bride-elect at that time, was offered a shower of wedding gifts by some forty friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Robson. Mesdames Robson E. Ferguson, R. Flynn and W. Recor were hostesses for the occasion. The rooms were prettily decorated with bells and yellow and white streamers that made a pretty setting for the bridal shower. Mrs. L. Leverington was in charge of the decorations.

During the evening court whist was played, followed by a treasure hunt that ended in an unexpected surprise for the bride-elect. A tasteful lunch was served by the hostesses.

The guest of honor was blindfolded during the time that a gayly decorated wagon was drawn into the room laden with various and useful gifts. When the blindfold was removed, Miss Flood unwrapped the presents and responded fittingly to the presentation. Her friends sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the delightful social event was completed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Joe Dobbs, Sr., returned to Vulcan on Saturday from an extended visit to Vancouver, B.C.

Morning service with Holy Communion will be held in St. Alpheus' Anglican church at Vulcan on Sunday, March 29th. Rev. Canon W. A. Merrick, M.A., will deliver the sermon.

A business change was made on Wednesday when James B. Marshall took over the operation of the British American Bulk Wholesale warehouse in Vulcan. The bulk station had formerly been operated by Sutherland Bros., who will continue to operate the B-A Service Station. Mr. Marshall is now in charge of the warehouse. Officials of the company were in town this week making transfer of the business.

With the decided cold snap during the week-end, one that has continued so far into the week, the skating arena has been re-opened for the popular winter pastime. Activity at the curling rink has also increased with the lower temperatures. Another mixed bonspiel opened Tuesday evening with thirteen rinks in competition. Four prize events are being held with prizes being offered the winners.

Planning the tree planting campaign in Vulcan this spring, the council ordered 250 green ash trees, for planting on the boulevards, early this week. The trees will be six feet in height and will be used to replace dead and broken trees around town. Citizens wishing any of these trees for planting on the boulevard adjacent their places of residence are advised to make application to Townman Weale.

## Former Resident Vulcan District Dies

Word was received in Vulcan during the week-end of the death of Fred Hetherington of Cluny, former resident of Vulcan and district. He died at the family residence at Cluny on Friday. He was 50 years of age. Mr. Hetherington was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and in his early life was a member of Scottish Rifles. He came to Alberta 29 years ago and for some time operated a coal mine near Lake McGregor. For some time he resided near Vulcan and was a player in the Vulcan football team for several seasons.

Moving from the Vulcan territory to Bassano, he followed his occupation as coal miner until some four years ago, when he had his back broken in a mine accident. Following a year in a hospital, Mr. Hetherington moved with his family to Gleichen and later to Cluny, where he had since resided. His widow and six children survive.

## Legion Arrange Annual Vimy Day Celebration

Executive members of the Vulcan Branch of the Canadian Legion are at present arranging for the annual celebration of Vimy Day to be held Thursday, April 9th. The local branch are celebrating the occasion this year with a dinner in the Odd Fellows' hall commencing at 7 p.m. followed by a dance in the Memorial hall.

Arrangements have already been completed for a very interesting programme of speakers and entertainers during the dinner hour. His Worship D. Elton, K.C., of Lethbridge, is to be the principal guest speaker of the evening and a member of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion will also deliver a short address. Responses will be made by P. B. Discher, president of the Vulcan Legion branch, Mr. W. E. Butchart and others.

Vocal solos will be rendered by Miss Rose Hartwig and Mr. Wm. Walker. His Worship Mayor E. King of Vulcan will act as chairman.

The dinner is being catered to by the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary. Tickets are being sold by the Boy Scouts. Immediately following the dinner and programme a dance will be held in the main auditorium of the Memorial hall.

What is Vimy Day celebrated for? The question is often asked. It is not alone the great victory that was won in the taking of Vimy Ridge by the Canadian Corps, but it was on April 9th, 1917, that the Canadians first fought as an individual unit, a unit that placed Canada in the ranking of nations. In 1914 the First Division of the Canadian Corps, or as they were afterwards commonly called "the originals," were formed. Later the Second Division, or the C2's, and the Third Division, or "the Dumbells" were formed and these were attached to the Imperial army. By 1917 the Fourth Division had been organized and trained and was in France. The Canadians were then given their own Corps Commander and fought their first engagement as the Canadian Corps at Vimy Ridge.

## MANY HORSES SHIPPED FROM VULCAN DISTRICT TO UNITED STATES

Since the first of the year five trainloads of horses have been shipped from Vulcan to the United States and Eastern Canada. Today three more carloads are being billed from the local C.P.R. freight offices and another is expected to be billed out of the freight yards on Saturday. Horse buyers have been coming the district for horses and have succeeded in picking up some good animals. During the past week James Wood of Whitton, Mont., and Verly Barrick of McIntosh, Minn., have been in the territory and are making the shipment today and Saturday. To date about 180 horses have left the district, some to Eastern Canada markets, most to United States markets. The present shipment is billed for Minnesota. Buyers lately have been following the auction sales in the territory and making some good buys.

## E.H. Griffin Elected Reeve Harmony M.D. 1936 Term

Council Set Mill Rate for School Districts at Regular Meeting Held in Champion on March 13, Borrowing By-Laws Passed

A meeting of the council of the Municipal District of Harmony, 128 was held in the Municipal office, Friday, March 13. J. W. Cain, returning officer took the chair and called the meeting to order at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon. The returning officer called for nominations for the office of reeve, Councillor Ellis nominated E. H. Griffin, as there was no further nominations, the returning officer declared E. H. Griffin elected for another term. Councillors Griffin, Ellis and Smith signed the necessary forms of declaration of councillors. Reeve Griffin thanked the councillors for the confidence they had in him, in appointing him as their head for another term.

Councillor Hopkins moved that W. J. Ellis be appointed deputy reeve for the first six months of the term. Carried unanimously.

Applications for relief were presented from the following persons, Wilhelm Jensen and Roy Posey of Carmangay, Councillor Hopkins moved that the council allow Roy Posey \$10. per month. Carried. Reeve Griffin moved that the application of W. Jensen be approved and that the council allow him \$7.50 per month. Carried.

The council discussed the feed and fodder situation for the spring work, Councillor Matlock moved that the by law be adopted and that the council apply to the Provincial Government for a loan of \$2,500.00 to carry out this program.

The council discussed the relief measures and the following were appointed as committee, to investigate all applications for seed grain, feed and fodder, etc. E. H. Griffin, W. J. Ellis and R. H. Matlock.

Councillor Ellis moved that E. D. Battrum of Calgary, be appointed as auditor for 1936, at the same fee as last year. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Ellis moved that the Municipal District purchase a new model adding machine for the office, and that the Reeve and Secretary be authorized to make a deal in respect to a trade-in on our old machine.

A communication was read from Greg Fath in respect to relief, etc. Councillor Hopkins moved that the council allow this applicant \$20.00 for the month of March.

The secretary was instructed to communicate further with the Attorney General's department, in respect to the Sanitarium account.

Councillor Somerville moved that K. Keestra be given an extra \$5.00 relief for clothing in March. Carried.

A discussion arose in respect to an account presented by C. A. Johnson in the amount of \$10.30 for supplies issued without consent of the council. Councillor Ellis moved that this account be turned down. Carried.

Councillor Smith moved that refund now in possession of the municipality be held over until a later date. Carried.

Councillor Ellis moved that the Council appoint Fred Watts, to take care of the distribution of feed and fodder. Carried.

The Council next discussed wages for public works for 1936 and all councillors were satisfied that they remain the same as paid in 1935. Walter Racher was appointed as engineer for 1936.

The next order of business was the discussion of requisitions and mill rate for the rural schools. The following mill rates were approved by motion of Councillor Ellis: Auburn 5 mills; Blusson 3; Burwash not approved; Fireguard 3; Bow Valley 6.5; Garrard 13; Harmony 6.5; Hiawatha 3; Long Coulee 5; Marshall 2; Prospect Slope 7; Reid Hill 3.5; Sanderdon 8.5; Thigh Hill 5; Washington 5; Yale 6.5. Carried.

Requisitions for the sum of \$1,568.50 was received from the secretary of the Vulcan Hospital. Councillor Ellis moved that the mill rate be the same as 1935. Carried.

Councillor Matlock moved that the Reeve and secretary be authorized to borrow for school purposes, the sum of \$7,804.67. By-law to this effect to be placed on file. Carried.

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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

A meeting of the Reid Hill Community Association will be held in the hall at Reid Hill Wednesday afternoon, April 8th, at 2 o'clock.

It was announced today that the Vulcan and Nanton hockey teams would play a game in the Vulcan Arena Friday evening. This will be the semi-final in the Junior Foothills league. The winner will play-off with High River in the final of the loop.

As announced by advertisement in the last issue of The Advocate, Army Motors stock reducing tire sale continues until April 1st. A reduction of 15 per cent. is offered on all sizes of Goodyear tires in stock and motorists should take advantage of the opportunity before it is too late.

Friends of Mr. L. A. Wright, former manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Vulcan and now resident of Toronto, Ont., will be sorry to learn that he has again suffered a relapse following a miraculous recovery from blood poisoning and is again in rather a critical condition.

A joint auction sale is being held at the S.E. 1/4 section 24-18-25-W. 4, being 9 miles north and 2 miles west of Vulcan, on Monday, March 30th, by John Hanna and L. C. McFarlane. C. C. Rebbe will be auctioneer. Posters are on display and the complete listing is given as an advertisement in this issue of The Advocate. Your attention is directed to this.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ransom, who have been residents of Vulcan for the past few years, are planning to leave on Monday for Cayley, where Mr. Ransom has been transferred as manager of the Alberta Pool Elevator. During their time of residence in Vulcan, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom have taken an active part in the life of the community and will be missed by a wide circle of friends.

Mr. C. H. Phillips, minister of the Church of Christ at Lethbridge, will deliver a lecture in the local Church of Christ on Monday evening, March 30th, commencing at 8:15. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides of views photographed in England during Mr. Phillips' recent visit to the mother country as a delegate to the World Conference of the Churches of Christ. A program has been arranged for the lecture. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mickleberry and son expect to leave this Friday by motor for Triden, Montana, where the family will visit for a short while with Mr. Mickleberry's brother. Later Mr. Mickleberry expects to make his place of residence near Lawistown, Idaho. For many years Mr. Mickleberry has farmed in the Vulcan district. Last Friday a closing-out auction sale was held at the farm in the Reid Hill territory, all farm effects being disposed of.

Lowell Granlin while working with his father at the farm home of Bert Tharle one day last week, received painful injuries to his hands. The men were making repairs to a water-well and the pump with casing was raised above the place of working, a pit in the ground that contained the pump. In some manner the chain holding the upraised apparatus became disarranged and all fell down catching Lowell's hands. Both members were badly mangled and the injuries required immediate medical attention that required his removal to the Vulcan hospital, where he is at present a patient.

Business assessment notices for the Town of Vulcan have been mailed this week to various places of business in town. It will be noticed that the rate has been reduced to that of 14 mills, instead of 20 mills as was first announced by the council and set by by-law. The by-law has been amended to make the change of rate. This change was made when it was pointed out to the council that the business mill rate could not exceed that of the municipal rate. This change was made in accordance with the Acts governing town administration. To have the same revenue from the decrease in the mill rate for business tax, the council increased the assessment to the same ratio as the decrease. Thus the business tax will remain the same as in 1935.



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## TOWN OF VULCAN, ALBERTA

### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the ASSESSMENT ROLL of the Town of Vulcan for the year 1936 has been prepared and is now open for inspection at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to 4 o'clock in the afternoon on every day which is not a public holiday, except Saturday, and that day from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or the assessment of any property or the assessed value placed on any property, must within 30 days after the date of the notice, lodge a complaint in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1936.

A. J. FLOOD, Secretary-Treasurer.

## AUCTION SALE

Acting under instructions from the undersigned, the following will be sold by Unreserved Public Auction at the S.E. Quarter Section 24, Twp. 18, Rge. 25, W. 4th, being 9 miles North and 2 miles West of Vulcan; 9 miles East and 1 mile North of Brant, on

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Commencing at 1:00 o'clock

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### PROVINCIAL TELEPHONE

One of the rumors of the week has hinged upon the sale of the provincial telephone system. Although this rumor has been emphatically denied by Premier Aberhart, it has been bobbing up repeatedly, and there seems to be substantial reasons for believing that an American corporation is interested and has made approaches for control of the provincial system.

It is to be hoped that no motive of immediate cash revenue will induce the government to sell or mortgage the Alberta-owned utility. The names of allied companies associated with the possible purchase are evidence that the telephone system has a real present and potential value. These corporations are conspicuously interested in profits, and would not touch any industry or service which did not give every promise of bringing dividends to investors. If the telephone utility of Alberta appears to be a profitable investment to private industry, why can it not be made profitable to the government. The dead weight of the rural lines has been almost entirely removed, and this constituted the steadily increased loss of the company. The disposal of the rural lines was the chief recommendation made by the efficiency-experts employed to make a study of the system last year. Other minor suggestions can be carried out under the efficient and experienced guidance of those who have been in charge of the system.

It would be a definitely retrograde step to turn over the control of the Alberta Telephone system to any corporation with many interlocking interests. Moreover any profits which might accrue would be transferred to the American side of the line, to be spent there.

Our provincial telephone system has often been cited as an unhappy example of government ownership. But it is on a fair way to remedy the chief sources of losses, and to establish itself as an efficient people-owned service. The immediate need of money too often betrays individuals and governing bodies into business deals that are not in eventual self-interest. And there is no doubt that monied corporations are constantly alert for these "weak moments."

If governments would operate their utilities on the efficient, economical pattern of private industry, they would make a more consistent success of all those public services which should be owned by the people.

### OUTSIDE CAPITAL

In the budget debate Hon. W. A. Fallow, minister of public works and telephones stated that the government had been offered for immediate investment in Alberta more money than there is in Canada at present.

This assertion quite tickled the ears and stimulated the curiosity of Albertans. The resources of the province are not unlimited, but there are undeveloped fields in the oil industry and in northern mining areas.

It is reasonably certain that the outside capital is not planning to invest in any big way in farm or ranch lands as the prospect of large returns in this line is not too bright. One interpretation of Mr. Fallow's assertion is an offer to purchase the telephone system. Another view is that it might have to do with improved highways and surfacing.

There is a general belief, however, that outside capital is interesting itself mainly in the oil industry of Alberta. News was carried a week or so ago that British capital is rousing itself to the possibilities of oil production in this area. Certain oil rights have been acquired near here and these are said to be the first British venture in this line.

With the possibility of war overhanging Europe, and with the increasing prominence of oil burning equipment, it is quite reasonable that English investors should be canvassing all potential oil fields throughout the Empire. Their oil interests in the far east are not too adequate, and none too secure against possible encroachment.

Mysteries are always unsettling, and it would have been much more satisfactory if Mr. Fallow had given a broader hint as to the identity of these interested investors. There may be good reason for withholding details of such news from Alberta people, especially if investment is tentative. But any definite information which can be given to the taxpayers of the province, which will strengthen confidence and give encouragement, should be passed along. The province needs the stimulant of good news, and it needs also the assurance that provincial and individual interests are being thoroughly safeguarded in all or any investments.

### OUR CANADA

In Saturday night's Calgary Herald, an article, written by Stephen Leacock, appeared. We would like to borrow bits of that article, because it seems to give a few good reasons why Canadians like Canada—reasons that are sometimes rather hazy to themselves.

Stephen Leacock is retiring from the staff of McGill University, and it had been suggested that probably he would retire to England, his birthplace. He was six years old when the family migrated to Canada. He declined however, to return to England, and prefers to put on his carpet slippers and remain "home" in Canada.

For one thing he would miss the free and easy neighborhood to which we are accustomed on this continent. All this friendly running to and fro across the line, neighboring with folks who talk the same language, play the same games, have the same kind of colleges and hotels, and the same kind of clubs like Rotarians, Lions and Kiwanis. The Americans come up to our place and admire so much the way we hang criminals. "My, you certainly do hang them up here, don't you?" they say, and it is always pleasant to be admired. Then we go down there and admire them for the way they shovel up mountains, and shift water courses and throw their country all over the place. And that's nice too, all so companionable and cheery.

"Anyway, Canada is our country," he asserts. "It holds our interest because of its huge physical future. In the last sixty years—since I've known it—we have filled it in like a huge picture lying in a frame from the frozen seas to the American line. As the English feel about the Armada, we feel about Canada. There is something inspiring in the building of a new county."

"To all of us here the vast unknown country of the north reaching to the Polar seas, supplies a peculiar mental background. I like to think that a few short hours can take me to the primeval wilderness of the north, that in an hour or two of flight I can be transported to the mournful shores of James Bay, untenanted till yesterday. I never have gone to James Bay, I likely never shall. But somehow I'd feel lonely with out it."

"No I don't think I can leave this country. There is something in its distances, its isolation and its climate that appeals forever. And then take our Great West where 'The Star of Empire glitters.' My father once went out there, and my uncle Edward, and later on my brothers Dick and Jim, Charlie and George and Teddy, and they all came back broke. Going west to a Canadian is like going after the Holy Grail. All Canadian families have had their Western Odyssey."

"We are sitting pretty here in Canada. East and west are the two oceans far away. We are back up against the ice cap of the Pole, and our feet rest on the fender of the American border, warm with a hundred years of friendship. The noise and tumult of Europe we scarcely hear, not for us the dangers of the Balkans, the weeping of Vienna and the tumults of Berlin. Our lot lies elsewhere; shovelling up mountains, floating in the sky looking for gold, and finding still the Star of Empire in the West."

### IMPLEMENT PRICES

Much time was spent in the House of Commons recently debating the question of implement duty. The tariff has been reduced 12 1/2 per cent, but the majority of Western members pressed for further reduction, on the ground that implement prices were out of line with farm revenues.

The Hanna Herald points out that the tariff reductions are not going to be of anticipated benefit because prices today are higher in United States than in Canada, due, it is said, to N.R.A. codes. At the same time, implement prices are likely to be raised in Canada, particularly the prices of seeders and binders.

Implement prices in Gretna, Manitoba, and Neche North Dakota, have been compared. A drill sells \$9 cheaper in Canada than in the U.S.A.; a cultivator is \$80 in Manitoba and \$90 in North Dakota; a rod weeder is \$90 in Manitoba and \$100 in North Dakota. The increased price in United States is due, says the Herald, to the N.R.A. codes.

The Ottawa government is going to investigate the reasons for the proposed increases of Canadian implements.

In recent years most Canadian implement companies have declared losses. They claim to have operated at a heavy loss. Included in this loss must be many bad sales. It has often been said that there is nothing under heaven that a Westerner cannot be persuaded to buy if he doesn't have to make a payment until next fall. That tells the story of the losses sustained by implement companies and by farmers. Over eager salesmen have been too successful in their persuasive powers, and this has fallen disastrously on all parties concerned in recent years. To what extent does the farmer who pays in full for his implements, have to absorb the company loss sustained from those who do not or cannot pay. If a company can show by its books that it has had no profits and heavy losses, it is very unlikely that any government investigation will be able to demand reductions.

The question of the high price of farm implements or of any machinery is always perplexing. The actual material used, and the assembling of the various parts do not seem to justify the cost of the finished article. It would be interesting to learn to what extent, if any, the Patents Act has bearing on prices in the implement industry.

### THAT COLD WINTER

Pretty soon everyone will be forgetting that we had a cold winter. Before it is too late to refer to it, one should quote the Regina Leader Post, whose reporters scurried round to get statements from old timers, comparing this winter with sizzlers of the past. The interviews were as follows:

Ezra Peters, Lemon Hill, Sask.: "She sure stayed down pretty steady in January, but it ain't nothing to what it was in '92. I was hauling cordwood from the valley that winter and the wood froze right to the sleigh rack so we had to burn the rack because we couldn't get it away from the wood. Yes, sir, that was a cold winter and the next summer we had a great crop of wheat, mosquitoes and bill collectors."

Beniah Bentley, Spruce Crik, Sask.: "Weather, did you say? Yep, I see it's pretty cold all right, but not like it was back in '92, when I was riding herd west of Wood Mountain. Me and Ike Weever shot a buffalo bull that winter and the son-of-a-gun was wearing two buffalo coats. And, by cripes, he needed them."

Ira Swatfoot, Moose Mountain: "To tell you the truth, young feller, I think she's been pretty cold the last couple of weeks. It pretty near froze my mother-in-law stiff in January, but we didn't notice much change in her. But I was out one day there a couple of weeks ago, and I sure would have froze my ears off if it hadn't been that I had froze them off completely back in the cold winter of 1907. Having no ears now, and knowing enough to keep my nose out of other people's business, I get along pretty well now, winter and summer. Good day."

Henry Woolbottom, Goose Gulch, Sask.: "Weather? What weather? Cold weather? Who cares? I ain't been out of the house since Christmas. If you're looking for weather, go outside and get it. I'm staying in."

### THANKLESS TASK

We often wonder what prompts a man to permit himself to be ejected into serving on a municipal council. It is certainly not the remuneration; it is certainly not the prestige attached to the office, for an otherwise quiet, inoffensive, good-living citizen becomes a social outcast, according to many and the butt of every wit and jester in the district whenever he becomes a councillor. If he drags roads in the summer he is spending too much money; if he doesn't his lack of initiative and interest is broadcast far and wide. If he opens roads for winter travel, he is a fool, if he doesn't he belongs to an age and generation which should have no place in our modern up-and-going world.—The Alliance Times.

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Government ownership and control of the Bank of Canada will be obtained by the issue of additional shares which will be taken up by the federal treasury, and by the appointment of additional directors sufficient to assure voting control of the board. This was definitely indicated in a notice of motion which appeared on Monday's House of Commons order paper. Carrying it the forecast contained in the Speech from the Throne and in conformity with the Liberal party's campaign platform, the government has taken the first step towards the amending of the Bank of Canada Act to empower the transfer of control and ownership from private to public hands.

Two hundred and seventy-eight horses were sold at the Medicine Hat sale. The poor condition of older range horses pulled down the average which was \$65, about \$6 higher than last year. Top single was \$130, and a pair of grays was sold to a Montana man for \$237.50. A high percentage was unbroken.

The bill providing for compulsory membership in the Alberta Teachers' Association has entered its third reading.

Vegreville Rangers played thirty games this winter in which they won 22, tied 5 and lost 3. Last year they won the provincial championships, this year the Western Canada championship.

## RECIPROCITY PACT PASSES COMMONS

C. C. F. and Social Credit Join Liberals in Favor of U.S.-Canada Treaty

By a vote of 176 to 39 the U.S.-Canada Reciprocity treaty has passed the House of Commons. Social Credit, Independents and C.C.F. signified their approval.

The debate extended over three weeks. Premier King in conclusion, said that the act was designed to benefit producers and consumers; to lower the cost of living and cost of production.

The last Conservative protest was a revival of the cry of 1911, voiced by Hon. Earl Lawson, that Canada would become another state in the American Union.

The agreement while passed in principle, is subject to certain amendments as may be required from time to time. In the main it is little altered, and has withstood much pressure in the effort to reduce the costs of living for Canadian people, and at the same time furnish a reasonable protection to Canadian industries.

Belgium has intimated that its hitherto large importations of Canadian wheat will have to be reduced unless Canada can accept more Belgian goods in return. Otherwise Belgium will have to deal with countries to whom she owes money or would take her goods.

## Griffin Elected Reeve Harmony

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Councillor Ellis moved that the Reeve and secretary borrow from the Canadian Bank of Commerce the sum of \$1,568.50 for hospital purposes for 1936. By-law for some to be placed on file. Carried.

Secretary was instructed to write the secretary of Burwash S.D. and advise him of the stand the council has taken in respect to their district. Reeve Griffin moved that no further requisitions be paid the Municipal District, to remit collections only. Carried.

Dr. Freeze interviewed the council in respect to further leave of absence. Councillor Smith moved that this be granted. Carried.

Communication was read from the Department of Immigration in respect to applications for admittance to the district of the families of Alex. Sipes and John Pompora. This was discussed from all angles and on motion of Councillor Smith these applications were approved. Carried.

Councillor Ellis moved that meetings be held as in 1935, the first Thursday of each month. Carried.

Estimates of expenditure, and probable incomes was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to have these tabled until the next meeting, as pending legislation may materially effect the proposed programme for 1936.

A discussion arose in respect to councillor fees and mileage, and Councillor Hopkins moved that these be the same as 1936. Carried.

Councillor Ellis moved that secretary write the M.D. of Marquis and ascertain, if they will be agreeable to share half the expense of keeping the Reid Hill cemetery in repair. Carried.

Mrs. Dave Brooks returned from Vancouver early last week following an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Daines.

Many hockey fans of Vulcan and district backed the snow drifts to Calgary on Monday to witness the inter-provincial hockey playdowns between the Kimberly team and the pucksters from Prince Albert. All say the journey by motor in the snow and cold was worth the while for the British Columbia and Saskatchewan teams dished up some good hockey fare. It was the final game in a series. Kimberly won and by their victory meet the Fort William players in the Western final at Calgary this weekend. Vulcan fans are planning to attend these games.

## MAGOR ADVISES ALTA PLAY BALL

Best Way to Put Over Refunding and Get By is to Co-operate with Dominion

Financial adviser Magor, has advised the Cabinet in Council of Alberta that the best course and most practical course to secure refunding of the provincial debt, would be by way of co-operation with the federal government.

To the direct question asked by D. M. Duggan, leader of the Conservative opposition, as to whether or not he approved of compulsory refunding measures or legislation, Mr. Magor declined to answer, intimating that this was solely a matter of government policy, and he was not prepared to be placed on record.

The government's financial expert also stated, during the course of a long cross-examination by Mr. Duggan, that he favored the principle of a loan council but he would not be prepared to say just what stand the provincial government should take, until the terms of the council agreement had been communicated to the government.

To the question asked by Mr. Duggan as to what the position of the province would be in case of default on the April 1 maturity, Mr. Magor said that it would have very serious results.

During the examination, Mr. Magor expressed the belief that the three most important financial problems facing the province at the present time would be represented by the substantial expenditure being made for interest debt charges, direct unemployment relief and agricultural relief. The situation was being further aggravated by the fact that the province had not been living within its income.

Mr. Duggan then asked Mr. Magor to give his opinion as to the most practical way of meeting the general debt problem, to which question Mr. Magor replied that the most practical and safest course would be to enter into a refunding plan with the co-operation of the federal government, and that he had so advised the government.—Calgary Herald.

## SUGGEST NEW USES FOR WASTE GAS

Research Experts Report on Waste Flow in Turner Valley

Possible new uses—blending, alcohols and resin—for the waste gas arising from development of the Turner Valley oilfields in Alberta were suggested at the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

G. S. Whitby and A. Cameron of the National Research Council, Ottawa, reported the gas flow in the oilfields, despite enforcement of conservation measures, amounted to about 6,000 tons a day, the greater part of which went to waste. The gas was divided into two parts, three-quarters methane and one-quarter heavier gas. They were called dry gas and stabilizer gas.

**Liquid Fuel**  
By heating, the stabilizer gas could be made to yield a proportion of liquid fuel. Experiments showed it was possible to obtain nearly three gallons of benzole from 1,000 cubic feet of gas. The benzole could be used as blending material with the regular Turner Valley gasoline. In addition by-products such as naphthalene and materials capable of yielding synthetic resin could be made.

Remoteness of Turner Valley, however, from the industrial centres of Eastern Canada was a handicap to some of the possible uses for the waste gas, the paper said. This applied particularly to production of carbon black. Large quantities of carbon black, used in rubber manufacturing and printing ink industries were imported.

Charles A. Grant recently returned to his farm home in the Vulcan district from an extended holiday to various points in California.

## "FELLOWMEN" IS KING EDWARDS TERM

A democratic person is Edward the Eighth, new king of England and emperor of India. Broadcasting to 200,000,000 that live under the British flag and occupy one-quarter of the earth's surface, he does not refer to them as "my subjects" or "my people," as his predecessor did, but calls them "FELLOW-MEN."

And Edward the Eighth does not refer to himself as "we," which is customary with other rulers. His father spoke of "my empire" and "my dear people" and called himself "we."—Detroit Times.

## INTERESTING ITEMS

Plowing and discing has been in progress at Taber and Barnwell.

Ideal ice held up during the Hanna bonspiel which closed March 13.

Coyote skins, jack rabbits and other pelts are showing a drop in grade. Miss Rosabelle Quinton of Okotoks was married recently to Mr. Raymond Barnett of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sorenson of Claresholm, have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

All men in relief camps are now to receive 50 cts. a day for each day they work, says Hon. Dr. Cross. There are about 500 men in provincial camps. The increased cost is about \$3,500 a month.

A shipment of Canadian nickel bound for Germany has been detained at Halifax, rising out of precautionary measures to prevent any violation of sanctions against Italy. It has no relation to German occupation of the Rhineland.

Serious attention is now being given the question of the erection of a packing plant at Lacombe. A recent meeting was addressed by R. G. Reid, ex-premier, A. Speakman and Henry Frame, and it is proposed to organize a \$50,000 company to operate the plant.

George M. Bell, president and managing director of Albertan Publishers died on March 19 in Calgary. He was one of the widely known western publishers, was president of the Regina Leader, Saskatoon Star and two other dailies in Saskatchewan. In 1926, he took over the Albertan Publishing Company, and was also interested in oil and gold development. He recently negotiated the arrangements that brought the Albertan to be the Social Credit organ in this province and the first daily in the world supporting Social Credit principles.

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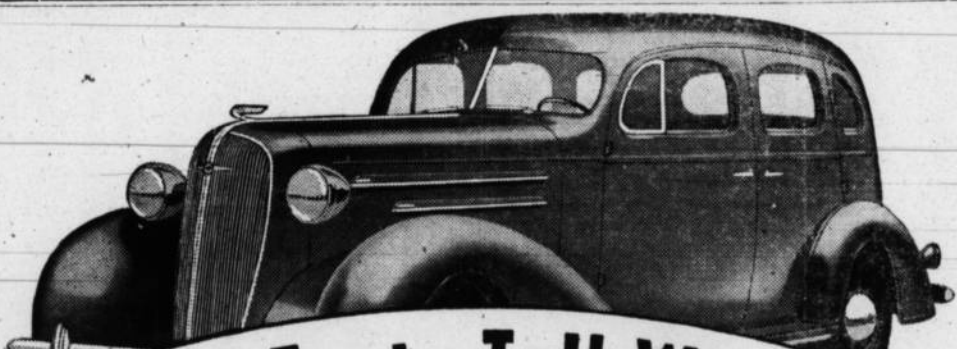
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**Canadian Pacific****Pertinent Topics Discussed by H.C.**

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title but he became an engineer or a fireman. He may have been worth a million but he donned the overalls. He broke the strike, because it interfered with his freedom and the well-being of his family.

In New York on a Sunday the elevator men and janitors went on strike. It was a threat to the owners of big office buildings and apartment houses, but the people who were put to the greatest inconvenience were the tenants, who had been increasing the pay of the elevator boys and janitors by way of tips. The strikers had nothing against them. Rather had they gratitude toward them but they were the immediate sufferers. The leader threatened to fight it out in the streets and tear down the city. This aroused the district attorney to action. Medical officers said it was a menace to the health of many who had to climb up twenty, thirty or forty flights of stairs. The Mayor then swung into action. What was the result? The strike spread to other areas and other unions.

We know not what the original grievances were, but doubt not they were connected with pay and hours. The owners claim they are not now making money. They have made big reductions in rents and many of their tenants either can not or will not pay. The strikers demand recognition of their union. This the owners resist, but what about the tenants? And what about John Public who wants to do business with a man whose office is on the 40th storey of the Empire State building? All they are interested in is that this sort of thing shall not occur again. Will recognition of the janitor and elevator men's union stop such interruptions? The answer is No. It is more likely to have the opposite effect.

In American cities these are essential public services, and the question arises should the public be at the mercy of unions having power, in the event of a dispute, to shut off these essential public services. Should unionism be allowed to control firemen, policemen, or civil servants? If so, why not extend unionism to the army and navy?

Lord Tweedsmuir says that Bernard Shaw has been overpraised, but then G.B.S. never did have any sense of proportion.

Pretty decent chap that man Hitler. He offers to give a lot of other pledges in the place of those he has broken.

Some surprise was expressed at Mussolini's offer to back France, but Hitler's persecution of German Catholics would make it impossible for Mussolini to take Hitler's side, much as he might desire to embarrass the League of Nations.

Why doesn't Ireland step forward and do something to compose this strife? It is the only tranquil spot in all this turbulent world.

Whatever else Herr Hitler may be, no one can deny he's clever. His performance on the 7th was shrewd. He accompanied a treaty-breaking, warlike act with professions that are disarming. They may not be and probably are not genuine. The Locarno pact is not like the Versailles treaty. It was signed voluntarily by Germany. Hitler violates it ruthlessly, but offers to make other treaties in its place. These he might observe but what guarantee can he give that his successor will, seeing that he himself has no compunction about

violating a treaty made by Stresemann? He took advantage of British and French preoccupation with Italy to commit a hostile act, an act which shows that France was right in insisting upon security against a faithless neighbor.

He is even willing that Germany shall join the League of Nations which it left when it desired to commit overt acts. He expresses goodwill toward France. He doesn't like the Polish corridor but reminds his people that it is only reasonable that Poland should desire access to the sea. This attitude toward Poland is made necessary by his attitude toward Russia which he fears, probably not without reason. He defends his denunciation of the Locarno treaty by alleging that France had violated it in spirit by making an alliance with Russia. He professes to fear that France may go Bolshevik and that between the two Germany would be in jeopardy.

The two dictators are gambling on one thing only—that no one else wants war. Italy stays in the League and flouts it. Hitler was decent enough to leave the League before making ducks and drakes of its covenants. They both know they can flout it with impunity, because the member nations that desire peace will not go to war to punish the aggressor nations. Britain is the only country that shows any genuine disposition to go the limit to enforce the League sanctions and Britain very properly has made it clear that she is not going to do it alone.

No doubt Hitler's mad, by mad we mean insane. If you think this is going too far, we give you your choice. If he is sane, what do you think of his "blood purge" under which he ordered the murder of at least 73 of his countrymen, some of them former associates? The relatives of a man who kills another in cold blood would welcome the option of having him judged insane. Still, if you insist, we will agree to a compromise—that he is a borderline case on the lunatic fringe, as it were.

A magazine offers prizes for "whoppers." We submit this one:

Nosuchtown, March 15th—A deputation has left here for Ottawa to protest against the expenditure of \$75,000 for public works in this district. The spokesmen will represent to the government that the works are not urgently required and that the financial condition of the country is not such as to render the expenditure advisable at present.

**The Game of Politics**

'Tis all a game twixt "in" and "out." They get their innings turnabout. When one is out and t'other in, You ought to hear the outside din. When they get in and t'other out They never have an inside doubt But that they're there for good and all

(They don't subscribe to the recall) But when election day comes 'round Upon the outside they are found. 'Tis all a case of ins and outs, Of famous victories, utter routs You find the ins as sure as fate At outs with the electorate. So, know that if you do your best To serve us all with zeal and zest, You get the same rewards as though Your acts were selfish, mean and low Election figures leave no doubt That just because you're in you're out.

From Stettler Independent: "Many a farmer and many a home owner now finds himself with a mortgage on his property which is greater than the value of the property itself. His equity which he paid for in hard cash years ago has now disappeared. The value of the property has been cut in two, but the amount of the mortgage still remains the same."

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Warning Against Working Soil too Early; Planning the Planting

Leaf lettuce, radish, spinach and the first of the garden peas will be among the earliest vegetables sown. These may be planted as soon as the ground is fit to work. All of the first named seeds should be sown at least three times at intervals of ten days so that there will be succession of vegetables. The second group to go in will be carrots, beets, onions, potatoes, etc. which can stand still a little frost and then beans, corn and tomato, cabbage and cauliflower plants, etc. which kill with frost, and finally those hot weather vegetables like lima beans, squash well started, egg and pepper plants, cucumbers, melons and similar things. All garden rules, it should be remembered, however, are only approximate; and should be varied a little to suit the local climate and individual preference.

Experienced gardeners warn against working soil too early. With clay it is especially dangerous to dig when there is too much moisture in the ground. Such soil is liable to puddle and when drying out it may bake. In any case there is no advantage and the work would have to be done over again later on. A good safe rule is to squeeze a handful of earth in the hand. If it compacts into a ball the enthusiast is well advised to go back and read a book for a few days. On the other hand if the soil simply crumbles when released by the hand it is fit for working.—Canada Seed Trade Association.

**LONGEST RAILWAY NOW IN RUSSIA**

Quietly and without the usual fanfare of publicity which accompanies the construction of its huge industrial enterprises, the Soviets have pushed on the building of a second track along the longest railway in the world—4500-mile trans-Siberian railway, which is of major strategic importance in the military defence of Russia in the Far East.

In two years the Soviets have practically completed the double tracking of his line over a distance of 1300 miles—from huge Lake Balkal to Khabarovsk, the Soviet's Far-Eastern military centre. Work in this section is in its final stages, and normal freight and passenger traffic is expected to begin as soon as auxiliary constructions, such as locomotive depots, repair shops and warehouses have been completed.—Brockville Recorder.

**"The FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHER"**  
By ALFRED BIGGS

Analyze before you accept.  
Genius invariably triumphs.  
Reason is safer than emotion.  
Our thoughts govern our destiny.  
Never lose faith in your own conscience.  
Evil deeds contain inescapable penalties.  
Neither adversity nor prosperity affect great minds.  
Things often are "no good" because they're too good.

**FEW WORKED FOR HIRE CENTURY AGO**

Wage Earners Have Multiplied and Now Hold Dominating Place

A century ago not more than one out of five of the occupied population in this country worked for hire or received a salary. To-day the wage earning group has changed from twenty in a hundred to sixty or seventy in a hundred. In this as well as in other countries the wage earners have risen from this comparatively small minority of twenty per cent to become a powerful and unorganized majority consisting of seventy per cent of the whole population that might be gainfully employed. At the same time the percentage of our population engaged in farming has fallen proportionately from fifty to about twenty-five per cent. The percentage of our population living in towns of 5,000 or under has risen from twelve and a half to approximately forty-five per cent.—C. McNeil of Vancouver in Hansard.

**THE HOME TOWN PAPER**

How many of you have read the tribute to the "home town newspaper" that Will Rogers wrote shortly before his death?

"Take away my ham," wrote he, "take away my eggs, even chili, but leave me my newspaper. Even if it has such purely local news as 'Jim Jones came home last night unexpectedly, and bloodshed ensued,' or 'Jesse Bushyhead, our local M.D., is having one of the best years of his career, practically speaking—but they just won't pay him when they get well'—Now all that don't seem much news to you. 'But it is news to you when you know the people and they are your own folks. So, no matter how punk you may think your local newspaper is getting, why just take it away from you and see how you feel. The old newspaper, I think, is just about our biggest blessing. So let's all read and be merry for tomorrow the paper may not have enough ads to come out."

**KING EDWARD AS ALBERTA RANCHER**

Tribute to His Majesty, King Edward VIII, in his capacity as a Canadian rancher was contained in the fourteenth annual report of the Royal Winter Fair Association presented at the annual meeting in Toronto on Thursday.

"Well wishers of the 'Royal' may point, not only with loyal pride, but with a warm sense of personal gratification to the fact that King Edward VIII has, through the representation of livestock from his Alberta ranch, long been a hearty supporter of the fair. As Prince of Wales, entries of beef and market cattle have been recorded in his name for the past four years, and his exhibits over a period of twelve years have included Clydesdales and Southdown lambs.

"This intimate association of our ruling monarch with the fair is a source of pleasure to everyone who has at heart the welfare of Canadian agriculture," the report stated.

Wetaskiwin Creamery Co. annual meeting was attended by 700 patrons, and the largest cream bonus ever received was reported.

In reply to the rumor that a group of Mennonites from Mexico wished to establish a colony in Alberta, Premier Aberhart said that he was opposed to the setting of colonies where anything but the English language was taught in the schools.

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